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Miami Beach Police seek help to capture burglars

Miami Beach - During recent weeks, a number of residential burglaries have occurred in the Middle District of our City. On almost every case, the burglary took place either late at night or during the early morning hours. Burglars in most of these cases have taken valuables and electronic equipment.

The Miami Beach Police Department has been taking steps to capture these individuals, however, the public could lend invaluable assistance to reduce the chances of burglaries in and around the neighborhood.

If you have thick landscaping that would shield the view of the front entrance, you should consider pruning them. When Patrol units drive by, they should be able to visually scan all of the front property. Remove any trellises that may provide access to the second floor of your home. In addition, install motion sensor lights near every entrance to your home. Check the lights often to make sure they are operating properly.

Check all the locks around the house, making sure they provide adequate protection. Dead bolts should be no less than an inch long, preferably, one and a half inches long. The strike plate on the door jamb should be firmly secured by long wood screws.

More to follow

M.B.P.D. - Home Security cont.

A favorite method of entry by most burglars is the window. They too should be properly secured. Never leave the windows open at night or when away from home. Use the new technology plastic film to avoid having the window broken by a rock or glass cutter.

Air-conditioning units and sliding doors are also methods of entry used by experienced burglars. Sliding glass doors are easy to secure, all you have to do is to place a broom stick or a length of metal across the lower track. Air-conditioning units should be bolted down.

Every night, before going to sleep, do a perimeter check around your property. Think like a burglar and fix any weak link you observe in your home security. If you have a burglar alarm, be sure it is in good working order and activate it before going to bed or leaving your home.

Finally, be alert. Keep a watchful eye for anyone that does not appear to belong in your neighborhood. If you see anyone loitering around, do not intervene but obtain a good description of the subject and vehicle and immediately relay this information to the Miami Beach Police Department at 673-7900. In case of an emergency, do not hesitate to dial 9-1-1.

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